



AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS

1 - 44 (CANCELED)

45. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method of facilitating a lottery ticket transaction, the lottery ticket being associated with a lottery number combination, comprising:

receiving a request from an operator terminal to purchase the lottery ticket for a lottery drawing;

receiving from the operator terminal that the lottery number combination is to be associated with only a limited number of occurrences for the lottery drawing; and

determining a price associated with the lottery ticket based on the received indication and agreement that not more than the limited number of occurrences of the lottery number combination will be sold for the lottery drawing.

46. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 45, wherein said determining the price comprises:

determining the price based on an expected value associated with the lottery number combination.

47. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 45, further comprising:

outputting an indication of a number of occurrences currently associated with the lottery number combination.

48. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method of facilitating a lottery ticket transaction, the lottery ticket being associated with a lottery number combination, comprising:

receiving from a player a request to purchase the lottery ticket for a lottery drawing;

receiving a request that the lottery number combination will be exclusively associated with only a single lottery ticket for the lottery drawing;

determining the lottery number combination such that the lottery number combination is exclusively associated with only a single lottery ticket; and

preventing the lottery number combination from being associated with at least one additional lottery ticket.

49. **(PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)** A method of facilitating lottery ticket transactions, comprising:

receiving a request to purchase a lottery ticket for a pari-mutuel lottery game; and

determining a price associated with a lottery ticket having a lottery number combination based on a number of occurrences that are associated with the lottery number combination.

50. **(PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)** The method of claim 49, in which determining a price comprises:

determining a price associated with a lottery ticket having a lottery number combination based on a number of occurrences that are associated with the lottery number combination at a time that the lottery ticket is purchased.

51. **(PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)** The method of claim 49, in which determining a price comprises:

determining a price associated with a lottery ticket having a lottery number combination based on a number of occurrences, in which it is known that no more than the number of occurrences will be associated with the lottery number combination by a time of the drawing.

52. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method comprising:
receiving, from a lottery terminal at a retail store, a request to purchase a lottery ticket for a drawing in a pari-mutuel lottery;
receiving, from the lottery terminal, an indication of a request by a player that a set of symbols is to be associated with no more than a predetermined number of occurrences with respect to the drawing; and
in response to receiving the indication from the lottery terminal, determining the set of symbols.

53. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 52 wherein the specified predetermined number of occurrences is one occurrence.

54. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 52, further comprising:
preventing at least one lottery ticket from being associated with the determined set of symbols.

55. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 52, further comprising:
determining a lottery ticket identifier.

56. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 55, further comprising:
transmitting an indication of the lottery ticket identifier and the determined set of symbols to the lottery terminal.

57. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 52 wherein determining the set of symbols comprises:
determining a set of symbols that has not previously been associated with any occurrences with respect to the drawing.
58. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 57 further comprising:
preventing at least one lottery ticket from being associated with the determined set of symbols.
59. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 52, further comprising:
storing an indication of a price for the lottery ticket.
60. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 59 further comprising:
determining the price based on the ~~specified~~ predetermined number of occurrences.
61. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 59 further comprising:
determining the price based on the received indication.
62. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 52 wherein determining the set of symbols comprises:
randomly determining the set of symbols.
63. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 62 further comprising:
verifying that the randomly determined set of symbols has not previously been associated with at least one other lottery ticket for the drawing.

64. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 62 further comprising:
preventing at least one lottery ticket from being associated with the
randomly determined set of symbols.
65. (NEW) The method of claim 52, further comprising:
printing a lottery ticket that includes the determined set of symbols.
66. (NEW) A method comprising:
receiving, from a lottery terminal at a retail store, a request to purchase a
lottery ticket for a drawing in a pari-mutuel lottery;
receiving, from the lottery terminal, an indication that a set of symbols is to
be associated with no more than a predetermined number of occurrences with
respect to the drawing;
in response to receiving the indication from the lottery terminal, determining
the set of symbols;
determining a price for the lottery ticket based on the predetermined number
of occurrences; and
storing an indication of the price for the lottery ticket.
67. (NEW) A method comprising:
determining a first set of symbols for use as a first entry in a pari-mutuel
lottery drawing; and
based on a request by a player received at a lottery terminal, preventing the
first set of symbols from being associated with any entry other than the first entry
in the pari-mutuel lottery drawing.